Please amend the present application as follows:

Claims

The following is a copy of Applicant's claims that identifies language being added with underlining ("___") and language being deleted with strikethrough ("——"), as is applicable:

1.   (Currently amended) A method for distributing software, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

    querying a user as to the needs of the user;

    receiving user responses to the query;

    characterizing the use of the user based upon the user responses; and

    providing software programs that may be beneficial to the user based upon the characterization of the use.

2.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ querying a user comprises posing at least one multiple choice question to the user.

3.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ querying a user comprises querying the user as to how the user plans to use a peripheral device.

4.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ querying a user comprises querying the user via a web site accessible on the Internet.

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5.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising ~~the step of~~ receiving user selections in response to the provided software programs.

6.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 5, further comprising ~~the step of~~ suggesting an alternative selection after receiving a user selection that identifies a software program the user already possesses.

7.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 5, further comprising ~~the step of~~ initiating downloading of the selected software programs to a computing device of the user.

8.   (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the software programs are downloaded from a storage medium read by the computing device.

9.   (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the software programs are downloaded to the computing device from a remote source via a network.

10.   (Original) A system for distributing software, comprising:

means for querying a user as to the needs of the user;

means for receiving user responses to the query;

means for characterizing the use of the user based upon the user responses; and

means for providing software programs that may be beneficial to the user based upon the characterization of the use.

11.   (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein the means for querying the user comprise means for querying the user via a web site accessible on the Internet.

12.   (Original) The system of claim 10, further comprising means for receiving user selections in response to the provided software programs.

13.   (Original) The system of claim 12, further comprising means for suggesting an alternative selection in response to receipt of a user selection that identifies a software program the user already possesses.

14.   (Original) The system of claim 12, further comprising means for initiating downloading of the selected software programs to a computing device of the user.

15.   (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the means for initiating downloading comprise means for initiating downloading from a storage medium read by the computing device.

16.   (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the means for initiating downloading comprise means for initiating downloading from a remote source via a network.

17.   (Original) A software program stored on a computer-readable medium, comprising:

logic configured to query a user as to the needs of the user;

logic configured to receive user responses to the query;

logic configured to characterize the use of the user based upon the user responses; and

logic configured to provide software programs that may be beneficial to the user based upon the characterization of the use.

18.   (Original) The software program of claim 17, further comprising logic configured to receive user selections in response to the provided software programs.

19.   (Original) The software program of claim 18, further comprising logic configured to suggest an alternative selection in response to receipt of a user selection that identifies a software program the user already possesses.

20.   (Original) The software program of claim 17, further comprising logic configured to initiate downloading of the selected software programs to a computing device of the user.

21.   (Currently amended) A method for distributing software for a peripheral device, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

querying a user as to what the peripheral device may be used for;

receiving responses from the user; and

providing software programs for the peripheral device based upon the user responses.

22.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 21, wherein ~~the step of~~ querying a user comprises querying the user via a web site accessible on the Internet.

23.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 21, further comprising ~~the step of~~ initiating downloading of selected software programs to a computing device of the user.

24.   (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the software programs are downloaded to the computing device from a remote source via a network.

25.   (Currently amended) A method for distributing software, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

querying a user as to what the users wants to accomplish;

receiving responses from the user; and

providing software programs based upon the user responses.

26.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 25, wherein ~~the step of~~ querying a user comprises querying the user via a web site accessible on the Internet.

27.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 25, further comprising ~~the~~ ~~step of~~ initiating downloading of selected software programs to a computing device of the user.

28.   (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein the software programs are downloaded to a computing device from a remote source via a network.

29.   (Currently amended) A method for distributing software, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

querying a user as to the needs of the user;

receiving responses from the user; and

suggesting software programs based upon the user responses.

30.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 29, wherein ~~the step of~~ querying a user comprises querying the user via a web site accessible on the Internet.

31.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 29, further comprising ~~the~~ ~~step of~~ initiating downloading of selected software programs to a computing device of the user.

32.   (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein the software programs are downloaded to a computing device from a remote source via a network.

33. (Currently amended) A method for distributing software, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

determining tasks a user wishes to accomplish~~;~~ ~~receiving~~ from responses ~~from~~ provided by the user; and

installing software programs based upon the ~~user responses~~ determination.

34. (Currently amended) The method of claim 33, wherein ~~the step of~~ ~~querying a~~ the responses are received in reply to queries posed to the user ~~comprises~~ ~~querying the user~~ via a web site accessible on the Internet.

35. (Currently amended) The method of claim 33, further comprising ~~the~~ ~~step of~~ initiating downloading of selected software programs to a computing device of the user.

36. (Original) The method of claim 33, wherein the software programs are downloaded to a computing device from a remote source via a network.